

# **PTC – (Parent Teacher Club)**

## **Meeting: August 20, 2015**

### **Minutes**

**Present:** Traci Doyle, Yvonne Gramling, Kelly Jones, Dorothy Stevens – (Parents); Kevin Dobson, Jessica Franco, Lorraine Franco, Jim Fritch, Doug Hughey, Stephen Osborne, Ionut Valentin Plapamaru, Matthew Schneider – (Staff)

This was the first meeting held for the new 2015-2016 school year, held before Back-to-School Night. All of those who attended are greatly appreciated.

The next PTC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 10, at 5:00, at the Global Youth staff lounge.

We met at 4:30, at the Global Youth staff lounge, and started off the meeting with a broad agenda:

1. Welcome Back! – Enrollment & Recruitment
  - Recruitment: Signage & Flyers
  - Students: Peer Recruitment & Incentives
2. WASC Self-Study: **WASC Committee will meet independently of PTC** – details to follow
  - Preliminary Visit – (Chairperson - Matt Smith): *Friday, August 21*
  - Formal Visit: *Sunday – Wednesday, September 27 - 30*
3. Parent/ Guardian: Volunteer Service Hours
  - All parents/ guardians need to complete 10 Volunteer Service Hours per year*
  - Hours can be completed through:
    - Attending PTC meetings
    - Driving: (field trips, sporting events)
    - Fundraising
    - Participating in School events
    - Snack Bar donation, Event donation: (food)
4. Fall Semester Events
  - Fall Festival & Dance – October 30, 2015
  - Santa Sled – Frontier, Sierra View, Madison
  - Basketball Tournament – December 11-12
5. Fundraising – (All School)
  - Snack Bar
  - Cookie Sales
  - Candy Bar Sales
  - Basketball Tournament

## *Details of the Agenda*

1. Regarding attendance issues, discussed greater enforcement in maintaining current attendance policy as stated in handbook, with increased enforcement.

Regarding academic issues, discussed the “Dobson Rule”: a uniform homework policy – with half-credit for late work, and a limited opportunity of no more than 2 days after assigned due date for credit.

Mr. Hughey discussed issues of enrollment and recruitment – we are currently under-enrolled – there is an effort to encourage peer recruitment with reward incentives for referrals of new students. Signs with details are present throughout the school and classrooms.

Recruitment remains an important priority. Although numbers have built up, enrollment is alarmingly low. Regarding volunteer requirements, the group suggested a requirement of either 10 hours and/or participation in at least three school events. Recruitment remains a vital topic for PTC. We need additional help with outreach and recruitment – enrollment remains an issue for the school and we are asking members of our community to help spread the word in *your* community! Churches and shops are great places and resources to promote the school; we have flyers in the office – (in English and Spanish) – and are currently developing informational posters for display in your local coffee shops, grocers, and community businesses.

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2. The WASC review is scheduled for September 27-30, 2015. Committee Chairman Matt Smith is making an informal preliminary visit on Friday, August 21. Although it will be during the next school year, we will be able to use most of the same materials from the visits scheduled for this year. We have completed a final draft of the Self Study document which has been shared and reviewed. A select number of parents and students will be participating in the process, with an emphasis on describing how we do what we do at Global Youth and what makes our learning strategies successful and effective. This topic will take on increasing significance as we approach key dates in the process, which may require additional meetings before the formal visit.

### **3. Parent/ Guardian: Volunteer Service Hours**

*All parents/ guardians need to complete 10 Volunteer Service Hours per year*

3. We need more active parents and families participating in these events, including help with costs and preparations! The required 10 hours of annual participation per student as described in this year’s Student Handbook can be easily met with active participation in at least three school events.

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  - Fundraising
  - Participating in School events

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***Mark your Calendar: Friday, October 30, 2015 – Harvest Festival Event, featuring Trunk-or-Treat & Harvest Dance***

4. Back to School Night is scheduled for Thursday, August 20, from 6-8pm, immediately following the night's PTC meeting. Regarding community outreach and recruitment, GYCS is planning more extracurricular community events, including a Harvest Festival and Dance, the night before Halloween: (Friday, October 30) and featuring the third-annual "Trunk-or-Treat" event. In addition, the month of December will herald Global Youth's first basketball tournament, currently scheduled for the weekend of December 11-12, and the Santa Claus sled with "Santa Hughey" will be visiting local elementary and middle schools to share good cheer and hopefully send a few nice, not naughty, students to Global Youth in the next year.

5. Fundraising – (All School)

- Snack Bar
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5. Gratitude to Lorraine and Jessica in the office for leading Snack Bar Sales during the morning break! Traci Doyle and Yvonne Gramling have planned fundraising events, starting with regular Friday bake sales before school and breakfast burrito presales to benefit the soccer team. Donations of time, snack bar items, and baked goods or ingredients are always welcome. In addition, the basketball tournament in December is being planned as an effective fundraiser and a tool for promoting the school.

6. In regard to field trips, transport and its attendant costs remain a challenge. In addition to going through the Livescan Clearance process, potential drivers/ chaperones also need to contact their insurers for specific group liability. We discussed a possible high school trip, featuring a tour of the Capitol building and the downtown Central branch library. Recently, Amber Clark, a representative from the local Antelope/ North Highlands branch visited, registering all students for library cards. Representatives from William Jessup University are scheduled to visit in September.

7. In regard to the Sports Programs, Mr. Hughey announced that Global Youth will participate as a CIF Associate (Non-Conference) offering both boys and girls teams in at least two programs: *Basketball* and *Soccer*, depending on student eligibility and participation. Expectations have been raised to include committed student athletes, and prerequisite requirements including updated physicals and a commitment to practice and attend all games. The continuation of the Sports Programs is contingent on adherence to

the guidelines instituted by Mr. Hughey, the office, and the coaches. Soccer has started with a rotating cast of volunteer coaches and staff members, with practices on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from 3:05 until 4:15.

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See you then.

Your friend,

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